

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-24 were rejected in the August 16, 2006 Office Action.

Claims 1-24 were rejected in the October 30, 2006 Advisory Action.

No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 22 are amended herein.

Claims 1-24 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In Sections 1 and 2 of the August 16, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-24 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,822,973 to *Kelley, et al.* (the "Kelley reference"). In addition, the Examiner appears to suggest in the October 31, 2006 Advisory Action that, in light of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0007973 to *Jang, et al.* (the "Jang reference"), it is inherent that release order messages include, for example, a *minimum reduced slot cycle index* or a *reduced selected slot cycle index*, as ultimately required by the claims of present application. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Amended independent Claim 1 requires:

For use in a wireless network, a base station capable of controlling the use of the reduced slot cycle mode by a selected one of a plurality of mobile stations communicating with said base station, said base station comprising:

a message controller capable of transmitting a Page message to a first mobile station notifying said first mobile station that a data session between said base station and said first mobile station is being activated; and

a reduced slot cycle controller coupled to said message controller and capable of receiving from said first mobile station a *Page Response message comprising a minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value requested by said first mobile station*, wherein said reduced slot cycle controller, in response to receipt of said Page Response message, causes said message controller to transmit to said first mobile station a *Release Order message comprising a modified data field containing a selected reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value at which said first mobile station will operate*.

Notably, Claim 1 requires a Page Response message comprising a *minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* requested by said first mobile station and a *Release Order message* comprising a modified data field containing a *selected reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* at which said first mobile station will operate.

The Kelley reference, on the other hand, fails to disclose a number of elements required by amended Claim 1. For example, the Kelley reference merely discloses that when a mobile station initiates a reduced slotted mode operation, the base station receives a request including a *desired reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* and a desired reduced slotted timer value. Kelly reference, column 5, lines 35-55. The Kelley reference thus fails to teach or disclose a Page Response message comprising a *minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* requested by said first mobile station requested by the mobile station, as required by Claim 1.

As another example, the Kelley reference fails to teach or disclose a *Release Order message* comprising a modified data field containing a *selected reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* at which said first mobile station will operate. At most, the Kelley reference teaches a system for implementing reduced slotted mode in a mobile station in which a base station 108 may respond to a mobile station 102 by acknowledging that it supports a *reduced slotted mode* or by providing a

*maximum reduced slotted timer value.* Kelly reference, column 4, lines 29-33, 40-49 and line 62 – column 5, line 2. There is, however, no teaching or disclosure within the Kelley reference of a base station providing any Release Order messages, let alone a *Release Order message* comprising a modified data field containing *a selected reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value at which the mobile station will operate*, as required by amended Claim 1.

In addition, in the October 31, 2006 Advisory Action, the Examiner appears to suggest that, in light of the Jang reference, signaling messages such as release order messages are known in the art. Applicants agree. However, contrary to the Examiner's apparent suggestion, the Jang reference fails to teach or disclose using, for example, *release order messages* that comprise a modified data field containing *a minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) requested by the mobile station*, as required by amended Claim 1.

Accordingly, the Kelley reference fails to anticipate Claim 1 (and its dependents). Similar requirements exist for independent Claims 7, 13 and 19 (and their respective dependents). Applicants therefore respectfully request favorable reconsideration and the withdrawal of the §102 rejection.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@munckbutrus.com*.


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